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SUBJECT: ASEAN: SECRETARY VANCE'S MESSAGE TO ROMULO

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SECRETARY'S LETTER TO ROMULO DATED
AUGUST 19, 1978: QUOTE. DEAR GENERAL ROMULO: THE SUCCESS
OF THE RECENT US-ASEAN DIALOGUE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN
ACHIEVED WITHOUT YOUR STRONG LEADERSHIP IN COORDINATING THE
EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS AND YOUR ROLE AS ASEAN SPOKESMAN AT
THE MEETINGS. I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNTIRING
EFFORTS AND EXPRESS MY ADMIRATION FOR YOUR DIPLOMATIC AND
ORATORICAL SKILLS. YOUR PERSONAL LEADERSHIP OF A STRONG,
EFFECTIVE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION CONTRIBUTED ENORMOUSLY TO
THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE DIALOGUE.

THE PROGRESS MADE AT THIS MEETING OPENS DOORS FOR GREATER
COOPERATION BETWEEN ASEAN AND THE UNITED STATES OVER A WIDE
SPECTRUM OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, AS WELL AS REINFORCING OUR
MUTUALITY OF MORE GENERAL INTERESTS. AS YOU KNOW, WE
EXPECT IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO BE SENDING TO THE ASEAN
COUNTRIES MISSIONS FROM OUR EXPORT-IMPORT BANK AND THE
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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION (OPIC) AND A GROUP
OF EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY IN ORDER TO FOLLOW UP
OUR GENERAL AGREEMENTS ON COOPERATION WITH CONCRETE RESULTS.
WE WILL ALSO NEED TO WORK TOGETHER IN OTHER AREAS, INCLUD-

ING THE COMMON FUND.

SUCCESS, OF COURSE, WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL COORDINATION AND PREPARATION. THEREFORE, WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS WITH YOU IN ADVANCING US-ASEAN COOPERATION AND IN OTHER AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST SUCH AS DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN.

WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE.

END QUOTE.

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